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During the week ending 27 April 1950, the following Soviet border activity took place:

- a. Along the Astara River on the Soviet Iranian border there were field maneuvers involving troops other than those stationed at the border posts. Traffic at the border road was four to five times more active than in previous periods.
- b. In the region of Ghermi and the Moghan Steppe, one Soviet cavalry unit arrived at Achtche (approximately 39-10 N, 48-25 E) reinforcing troops stationed in that area.
- c. Along the Araxes River near the Soviet-Turkish border rail traffic from Nakhichevan (39-12 N, 45-24 E) toward Yerevan (40-11 N, 40-30 E) was considerably more active than during previous periods. In the other direction and east of Nakhichevan, rail traffic was normal.
- d. Near Gurgan the barbed wire fence between Baiat Haji (37-40 N, 54-45 E) and Gudari (37-37 N, 54-45 E) was being reinforced.
- e. In the Khorassan region, Iranian shepherds who had crossed accidentally into the USSR in search of stray sheep at various dates during previous periods were returned by Soviets. Two Iranian shepherds who crossed accidentally into the USSR in search of sheep during this period are now being held by the Soviets. At Lutfabad, (37-33 N, 59-17 E) between border marks 161 and 162, a patrol of 40 Soviet officers and men accompanied by a dog conducted an intense search, apparently for traces of border crossers.
- f. Soviet patrols have been observed operating well within Iranian territory in the vicinity of Jerghalam, Gifan (37-55 N, 57-30 E), Hasan Qal'eh (37-40 N, 58-10 E), and Sarakhs (36-31 N, 61-13 E).

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